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SUBJECT: ISCARGO WILL RENEW REQUEST TO CARRY IDF AIR CARGO

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1. ARNI GUDJONSSON, CHAIRMAN OF BOARD, ISCARGO HF, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR MARCH 15 TO DISCUSS HIS PLANS FOR TRIP TO WASHINGTON WHERE HE WISHES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO RENEW HIS COMPANY'S REQUEST TO CARRY AIR CARGO FOR THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE.

2. GUDJONSSON SAID ISCARGO NOW HAS TWO DC-6 AIRCRAFT OPERATING WEEKLY ALL-CARGO SCHEDULE BETWEEN REYKJAVIK AND ROTTERDAM. HE WOULD LIKE TO EXPAND SERVICE TO U.S. WITH UPGRADED EQUIPMENT, PERHAPS BOEING 707 OR LOCKHEED HERCULES. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF GOI IN ATTEMPT TO OPEN ICELAND-US AIR CARGO ROUTE. (DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT FOREIGN MINISTER AGUSTSSON INCLUDED THIS SUBJECT AS ONE HE HOPED USG WOULD CONSIDER DURING HIS VISIT LAST SEPTEMBER TO WASHINGTON,) MILITARY CARGO WOULD BE VITAL ELEMENT IN VIABILITY OF ROUTE.

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3. AMBASSADOR SAID HE THOUGH QUESTION OF UTILIZING ISCARGO HAD ALREADY BEEN ANSWERED IN NEGATIVE OWING TO REQUIREMENTS OF U.S. LEGISLATION. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT LAW CALLS FOR USE OF MILITARY AIRLIFT, OR OF US FLAG CARRIERS IF MILITARY LIFT UNABLE TO SATISFY REQUIREMENTS, (REFTEL). GUDJONSSON EXPRESSED AWARENESS OF THESE CONSTRAINTS, BUT SAID HE WISHED EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF EXCEPTION BASED

ON FACT CARGO IS FOR NATO BASE AND ICELANDIC DEFENSE FORCE,
AND NOT STRICTLY INTERNAL US MILITARY USE. AMBASSADOR
COMMENTED THAT LEGISLATION COVERS INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANS-
PORT REQUIREMENTS OF MILITARY. GUDJONSSON SAID HE BE-
LIEVES ISCARGO COULD NOW OFFER MORE CONOMICAL RATES
THAT THOSE POSSIBLE UNDER MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT.

4. IN CONCLUDING, GUDJONSSON SAID HE PLANS TO VISIT
WASHINGTON AS SOON AS APPOINTMENT WITH ICELANDIC AMB-
ASSADOR ANDERSEN COULD BE ARRANGED, PROBABLY NEXT WEEK.
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